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TOWN OFFICERS—1926-27

OFFICERS CHOSEN MARCH ELECTION, 1926

TOWN CLERK

JAMES H. BROWN

SELECTMEN

WALTER B. FARMER ARTHUR J. SEWALL
JOHN D. FOGG

TOWN TREASURER

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

ARCHIBALD LANTZ

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT JAMES H. BROWN
LOUIS B. JANVRIN

Elected November, 1926

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT

MODERATOR

WALTER B. FARMER

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

WALTER A. LADD ARTHUR W. CHASE
FORREST B. CREIGHTON

School Meeting

MODERATOR

ARTHUR W. BROWN

CLERK

JAMES H. BROWN

SCHOOL BOARD

ROSCOE F. SWAIN MRS. ESTHER L. CRAM
MRS. MABEL M. CHASE

TREASURER

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT (Appointed)

TOWN WARRANT

(L. S.) STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampton Falls, N. H., the Couny of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said Hampton Falls on Tuesday, the Eighth day of March next, at Ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be donated to the Memorial Park Up-Keep Fund.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to continue the construction of the gravel side-walk towards Hampton.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum $400.00 to continue the work of suppression of the Pine Blister Rust.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $950.00 to reimburse the Treasury for expense of the Tractor Garage and Expenses.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to meet the requirements of the State for a like sum appropriated by it for improvements of the Common.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the lane leading from Lafayette Road and passing over and thru premises of Mr. W. M. Russell, Mr. John Brown and Mrs. Hazel K. Perfect. If the Town accepts the lane as a road it will terminate on the premises of John Brown and Mrs. Hazel K. Perfect. (As petitioned by II S.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,150.00 to be paid off in 4 years—for

the purpose of buying a rock crusher and Power Pulley for the Town Tractor. (As petitioned by 4 S.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the purpose of fixing up the so-called King Street, so that it may be plowed in the winter in preference to going thru Frying Pan Lane.

(As petitioned by three signers.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the purpose of erecting snow fences at such places where the snow drifts badly

(As petitioned by four signers.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain as a Park or Common, as a testimonial of the services of its Soldiers and Sailors, the Heater shape piece of land in this Town at the junction of Lafayette road and Mill road, now owned by David K. Irving and to raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary to defray the cost of such establishment, as may not be raised by private subscription.

(As petitioned by fourteen signers.)

13. To see what action the Town will take in establishing a pumping station at Dodges Pond and laying 2500 feet of 6-inch pipe together with hydrants and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as will be necessary to purchase same.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

WALTER B. FARMER,
ARTHUR J. SEWALL,
JOHN D. FOGG,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WALTER B. FARMER,
ARTHUR J. SEWALL,
JOHN D. FOGG,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

BUDGET FOR 1927

OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H.

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, Jan. 31, 1927 to Jan. 31, 1928, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year Jan. 31, 1926 to Jan. 31, 1927.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	1926	1927
From State		
Insurance tax	$ 140.82	$ 140.82
Railroad tax	174.12	175.00
Savings Bank tax	299.40	300.00
For Highways:		
(a) For State aid maintenance	303.52	1,500.00
(b) For Trunk line maintenance	498.25	1,200.00
Interest and Dividend tax	954.62	950.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
All licenses and permits except dog licences	1,101.75	1,100.00
Rent Town hall & other bldgs.	9.93	10.00
Interest rec'd on taxes & deposits	106.65	100.00
Registration of Primary	2.00	
From Poll taxes (1925)	7.00	
From other taxes except prop. taxes	421.00	421.00
(a) National Bank stock	10.00	
(b) Dog tax	162.10	162.00
Sundry sales	3.92	
Revenue Applicable only to New Construction and Improvements		
From State:		
(a) For State aid high. const.	1,105.00	700.00
Amt. Raised by issue of bonds or notes:		
Temporary loan	5,000.00	
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	$10,300.08	$ 6,758.82
Taxes 1925 collected	1,357.20	
Amt. raised by prop. taxes	13,910.67	12,634.11
Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1926	1,918.40	
Total revenues	$27,486.35	$19,392.93

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	1926	1927
Current Maintenance Expenses		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	$ 743.95	$ 750.00
Town officers' expenses	408.30	300.00
Election and registration	116.00	25.00
Care and sup., town hall	89.07	75.00
Protection of persons and prop:		
Police dept.	164.50	200.00
Fire Dept.	28.00	300.00
White Pine Blister rust	400.00	
Health:		
Health Department	13.00	15.00
Vital statistics	1.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid main. town's contr.	1,286.10	1,500.00
Trunk line, town's con. snow	254.38	
Town's contribution	687.57	1,200.00
Town maintenance	1,345.01	2,000.00
Permanent improvment	563.75	
Gen'l exp. High. dept., snow	1,235.69	1,000.00
Abatement	223.37	
Education:		
Libraries	150.00	150.00
Charaties:		
Town poor	4.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and other cel.	23.37	25.00
Recreation: Special R. R. payment	100.00	
Parks and playgrounds	27.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries: boulder fund	75.00	
E., H. & A. R. R.	250.00	
Interest:		
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	62.50	75.00
On Long term notes	75.00	200.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements		
Highways and bridges: Tractor	3,750.00	
Town construction: garage	523.68	

Tractor expense	416.28	
Sidewalk Construction	448.17	
Special labor	485.21	
Indebtedness: Dog expense	18.26	
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
(a) Temporary loans	5,000.00	
(b) Long term notes	1,000.00	2,250.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
State taxes	1,275.00	1,466.25
County taxes	923.48	1,061.68
Payments to school districts	4,573.60	6,500.00
Total expenditures	$26,740.24	$19,392.93
Balance in Treasury	746.11	
Grand total	$27,486.35	$19,392.93

INVENTORY

Land and buildings		$651,017.00	
Horses, 99		9,110.00	
Asses and mules, 1		50.00	
Cows, 291		15,400.00	
Other Neat Stock, 27		620.00	
Sheep, 27		189.00	
Hogs, 8		195.00	
Fowls, 3522		5,118.00	
Portable Mills, 10		2,400.00	
Wood, lumber, etc.		48,020.00	
Gasoline pumps and tanks		3,000.00	
Stock in trade		22,500.00	
Aqueducts		100.00	
Ice Machine		500.00	
3. Polls Number, 251 at $2			
Total poll taxes	$502.00		
Nat'l Bank Stock taxes, 500.	10.00		
Total, exclu. of Sold. exemp.			$758,219.00

5. Amt. taxes committed to col., including poll taxes and nat'l bank stock taxes $15,676.38

Average rate per cent. of taxation for all purposes, $2.00.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town charges		$1,000.00	
Police Dept.		200.00	
Library		150.00	
Roads and bridges		2,000.00	
Trunk line maintenance		800.00	
State aid maintenance		1,000.00	
Town Debt		1,000.00	
Interest Charges		250.00	
Snow Paths		1,200.00	
Memorial Day, $25 (to be taken from unexpended bal. of last year)			
Armas Guyon,	$327.94		
H. Porter Brown	135.18		
Joseph Bragg	10.75		
Eben Pevear	11.34		
		485.21	
Boulder fund		75.00	
Snow plow		1,500.00	
Sidewalk		500.00	
Pine blister rust		400.00	
			$10,560.21
Schools			6,345.00
County tax			923.48
State tax			1,275.00
			$19,103.69

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash in N. H. Nat'l bank	$ 746.11	
Due, uncol. taxes of 1926	1,344.71	
Due, from State on contingent fund	701.50	
Ex. of liab. over assets	3,441.27	
		$6,233.59

Net debt, Jan. 31, 1926	$1,722.97
Net debt, Jan. 31, 1927	3,441.27
Increase in debt	$1,717.30

Increase in debt due to purchase of tractor and plow, and building tractor shed.

SHEET JANUARY 31, 1927.

LIABILITIES

Balance of dog tax	$ 138.59	
Schools, bal. of appropriation	2,845.00	
Road notes	2,000.00	
Tractor notes	1,250.00	
		$6,233.59

TREASURER'S REPORT

DR.

Bal. January 31, 1926	$ 1,918.40	
Taxes collected, 1926	14,331.67	
Taxes collected, 1925	1,357.20	
Interest on taxes	48.81	
State Insurance tax	140.82	
savings bank tax	309.40	
railroad tax	174.12	
refund on intangibles	946.89	
interest on intangibles	7.73	
aid maintenance, 1925	182.38	
trunk line maintenance, 1925	474.57	
aid maintenance, 1926	121.14	
trunk line maintenance, 1926	23.68	
aid construction (contingency fund)	1,105.00	
Automobile permits	1,101.75	
Dog tax	162.10	
Interest on deposits	57.84	
Registration	2.00	
Town hall, janitor	9.93	
School treasurer, stamped envel.	2.09	
L. E. Wadleigh, lumber and nails	1.83	
C. W. Birtwell, poll tax, 1925	3.00	
Perley Crosby, poll tax, 1926	2.00	
C. H. Pearson, poll tax, 1926	2.00	
Temporary loans	5,000.00	
		$27,486.35

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Town officers' salaries		$ 743.95
Town officers' expenses		408.30
Election and registration		116.00
Town hall expense		89.07
Police Dept.		164.50
Fire Dept.		28.00
Health Dept.		13.00
Vital Statistics		1.00
State aid maintenance		1,286.10
Trunk line maintenance		687.57
Trunk line, snow		254.38
Town maintenance		1,345.01
Town Permanent improvement		563.75
Town, snow		1,235.69
Library		150.00
County poor		4.00
Patriotic		23.37
Parks		27.00
Unclassified:		
Boston and Maine fund		100.00
Boulder fund		75.00
E. H. and A. refund		250.00
Sidewalk		448.17
Tractor and plow		3,750.00
Tractor and plow, expense		416.28
Tractor shed		523.68
Pine blister appropriation		400.00
Special labor appropriation		485.21
Dog expense		18.26
Abatements		223.37
Interest		137.50
Note in anticipation of taxes		5,000.00
Note, road note, long term		1,000.00
State tax	$650.66	
State credits	624.34	1,275.00

County tax	923.48	
Schools	4,573.60	
Cash in treasury, Jan. 31, 1927	746.11	
		$27,486.35

WM. H. McDEVITT,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON EXPENDITURES

PAYMENTS

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

B. T. Janvrin, auditor	$ 4.00	
Helen Batchelder, auditor	4.00	
Charles N. Dodge, auditor	4.00	
Louis B. Janvrin, selectman, 1925	14.00	
James H. Brown, clerk	73.49	
Walter B. Farmer, selectman	211.06	
Arthur J. Sewall, selectman	121.00	
John D. Fogg, selectman	92.40	
Wm. H. McDevitt, treasurer	100.00	
Archibald Lantz, tax collector	100.00	
Joseph Clark, Town clerk	15.00	
Charles Akerman, Town clerk	5.00	
		$743.95

OFFICERS' EXPENSES, BOOKS, AND PRINTING

Rockingham Ptg. Co., reports, 1926	$80.00
Jackman and Land, treas. and clerk's bonds	25.00
Walter B. Farmer, selectmen's stamps	2.78
Jackman and Land, tax collector's and Road Agent's bonds	17.50
Hobbs and Warren, stationery	6.74
James H. Batchelder, Collector's book	3.50
S. M. Spence Co., town seal for clerk	15.18
Edson C. Eastman, books	8.40
Frank A. Batchelder, legal work	22.50

Rockingham Ptg. Co., inventories	44.55	
Rockingham Ptg. Co., check lists	13.00	
Edith French, dinners	4.00	
Assessors' association	2.00	
Wm. H. McDevitt, work on town books	44.50	
Edson C. Eastman, Clerk's book	12.75	
John Templeton, printing advs.	1.75	
A. Lantz, trip to assessors' meeting	4.00	
Frank A. Batchelder, legal work	75.00	
Wm. H. McDevitt, tel. and postage	6.65	
Wm. H. McDevitt, work on books and reports	18.50	
		$408.30

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Henry Fogg, ballot inspector	$ 2.00	
Frank S. Gerrue, ballot inspector	4.00	
Forrest B. Creighton, supervisor	36.00	
Arthur W. Chase, supervisor	36.00	
Walter A. Ladd, supervisor	34.00	
Walter A. Ladd, ballot inspector	4.00	
		$116.00

TOWN HALL

James H. Brown, insurance	$44.00	
Milligan Bros., slating work	22.63	
E. and H. Electric Co., lights	22.44	
		$89.07

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. W. Chase, 169 hrs. duty	$84.50
C. W. Birtwell, special badges	7.50
John R. Perfect, 71 hrs. duty	35.50

John R. Perfect, 44½ hrs. poultry patrol	22.25	
A. W. Chase, 29½ hrs. poultry patrol	14.75	
		$164.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Exeter Fire Dept. for fire at Hawe's		$28.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Arthur W. Chase, salary	$10.00	
Dr. A. M. Fernald, exam. Geo. Howard	3.00	
		$13.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Dr. A. M. Fernald, returns		$1.00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Arthur W. Brown, labor sheets:		
June 7	$108.10	
July 5	309.19	
August 1	51.51	
November 2	15.75	
		$484.55
Mitchell O'Brien, labor sheets:		
June 7	$146.44	
July 5	345.53	
July 5	87.75	
August 3	52.28	
September 6	42.61	
November 2	30.00	
December 6	16.97	
		721.58

Standard Oil Co., patching oil	32.23	
Standard Oil Co., patching oil	31.90	
B. and M. R. R., freight on oil	15.84	
		$1,286.10

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Albert W. Elkins, labor sheets:

August 1	$106.00		
Sept. 6	93.38		
November 2	180.00		
December 6	213.50		
		$592.88	
Berger Mfg. Co., culvert		28.03	
B. T. Janvrin, railing for bridge		3.41	
Merrill Bros., paint for road		2.75	
Standard Oil Co., patching oil		60.50	
			$687.57

TRUNK LINE, SNOW

B. T. Janvrin, winter of '26	$154.47		
State of N. H., use tr r	54.79		
		$209.26	
C. W. Gerrue, labor sheet, 27	$28.00		
A. W. Elkins, labor sheet	17.12		
		$45.12	
			$254.38

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Mitchell O'Brien, labor sheet:			
May 3	$262.00		
September 6	35.00		
November 2	77.69		
December 6	30.25		
January 3	31.51		
		$436.45	
Arthur W. Brown, labor sheets:			
May 3	$107.35		
June 7	81.57		
August 2	19.65		
September 6	76.00		
November 2	30.75		
January 3	49.88		
		$365.20	
Walter A. Ladd, labor sheets:			
May 3	$44.57		
June 7	98.75		
July 5	13.60		
September 6	60.15		
November 2	81.35		
December 6	121.50		
		$419.92	
Wm. A. Young, road tools		11.90	
Chas. Harrison, repairs on tools		13.80	
N. E. Culvert Co., culverts		36.00	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts		17.60	
B. and M., freight		8.64	
B. T. Janvrin, spikes for bridge		2.55	
Arthur J. Sewall, Sanborn bridge, labor sheets		29.00	
Chas. Harrison, repairs on tools		3.95	
			$1,345.01

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT

A. W. Brown	$230.00	
Walter A. Ladd	333.75	
		$563.75

SNOW BILLS

March 1	A. W. Elkins	$353.38	
	M. O'Brien	272.58	
	W. A. Ladd	261.51	
	B. T. Janvrin	16.00	
April 1	Mitchell O'Brien	78.39	
	W. A. Ladd	40.14	
Jan. 31-27	A. W. Brown	13.76	
Jan. 3	W. A. Ladd	17.33	
Jan. 3	C. W. Gerrue, tractor and men	78.50	
Jan. 31	C. W. Gerrue, tractor and men	104.10	
			$1,235.69

LIBRARY

Helen Batchelder, appro.	$150.00

COUNTY POOR

H. G. Williams, trans. Brown to Co. farm	$4.00

PATRIOTIC

H. R. McWilliams, plants	13.20	
Marston and Wells, flags	7.17	
Walter A. Ladd, decorating graves	3.00	
		$23.37

PARKS

Nahum Swain, mowing common	$ 2.00	
L. W. Dill, painting flag pole	25.00	
		$27.00

DOG EXPENSE

Edson E. Eastman, dog tax	$13.26	
John Templeton, dog notice	2.00	
John R. Perfect, collecting licenses	3.00	
		$18.26

SPECIAL LABOR

Armas Guyon	$327.94	
H. Porter Brown	135.18	
Joseph Bragg	10.75	
Elvin Pevear	11.34	
		$485.21

BOSTON AND MAINE

Lee H. Brow, treas., chamber commerce, part of legal expense of preventing the abandonment of Eastern division	$100.00	
		$100.00

BOULDER FUND

I. S. Jones, appropriation	$75.00

EXETER, HAMPTON AND AMESBURY R. R.

Railroad office appropriation	$250.00

SIDEWALK

A. W. Elkins, labor sheet:		
October 4	$139.74	
November 2	161.68	
December 6	130.75	
Wm. T. Ross, surveying	16.00	
		$448.17

TRACTOR AND PLOW

Eastern Tractor Co., cash	$3,750.00	
Eastern Tractor Co., note	1,250.00	
		$5,000.00

TRACTOR EXPENSE

J. H. Brown insurance	$110.60	
Eastern Tractor Co., bbl oil, grease	138.34	
Charles Harrison, repairs on plow	14.75	
H. E. McReel Co., coal for shed	18.75	
Merrill Bros., gas	21.66	
Jos. H. Weare, gas	17.25	
Albert J. Webster, gas	30.48	
W. B. Farmer, man to help unloading plow	7.60	
C. W. Gerrue and man, unloading and setting up plow	10.81	
Jan. 3, C. W. Gerrrue, labor sheet, gas and expenses on tractor	42.95	
B. and M., freight on oil and grease	3.09	
		$416.28

TRACTOR SHED

F. H. Fogg, cement work	$ 5.85
F. H. Fogg, building chimney	17.68
H. Porter Brown, carpenter work	103.60
Chas. H. Brown, hauling rocks and sand	19.55
Merrill Bros., paint	5.00
L. E. Wadleigh, carpenter work	54.60
C. E. Fifield, labor, fixtures an widre	42.59
F. H. Ladd, sand	1.50
Merrill Bros., vise and tools	34.47
E. G. Cole, door hanger and track	4.40
B. T. Janvrin, lumber, etc.	166.20

John D. Fogg, cement mixer	5.00	
Arthur W. Brown, heater and pipe	63.24	
		$523.68

PINE BLISTER RUST

John H. Foster, appropriation		$400.00

ABATEMENTS

Archibald Lantz, discount on taxes	$170.63	
Walter R. Trafton, abatement on 1924 soldiers'	20.00	
Archibald Lantz:		
Avery Bushby, poll tax, 1926	3.00	
A. D. Pool, poll tax, 1926	3.00	
Myron Brown, soldier	3.70	
A. Leighton, soldier	1.00	
Chas. R. Sampson, soldier	2.00	
Fred Riley	3.50	
C. N. Cadwell, poll tax	2.00	
Irene Cadwell, poll tax	2.00	
John Lee, poll tax	2.00	
Mrs. John Lee, poll tax	2.00	
Fred Wilbur, poll tax	2.00	
Mary Wilbur, poll tax	2.00	
Frank Poor, error	.34	
Merrill Bros., abatements on horses	2.00	
Walter Carlisle, error	.20	
Mrs. George Robinson, poll tax	2.00	
		$223.37

INTEREST ON LOANS

N. H. Nat'l bank, int. on notes	$75.00	
N. H. Nat'l bank, int. short term notes	62.50	
		$137.50

NOTES

N. H. Nat'l bank, short terrm note	$5,000.00	
N. H. Nat'l bank, road note	1,000.00	
		$6,000.00

TAXES PAID TO THE COUNTY

Earl R. Stockbridge, treas., county tax		$923.43

TAXES PAID TO STATE

Henry E. Chamberlin, state tax	$650.66	
state credits	624.34	
		$1,275.00

SCHOOLS

Forrest B. Creighton, bal. of ap., '26	$1,000.00	
Forrest B. Creighton, dog tax	73.60	
Wm. H. McDevitt, treas. part ap. 26	3,500.00	
		$4,573.60

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto permits		189
Total tax	$1,149.00	
Fees	47.25	
		$1,101.75
Dog licenses		69
Total tax	$175.90	
Fees	13.86	
		$162.10

SELECTMEN'S WRITTEN REPORT

The Selectmen held twenty-one regular and special meetings. Owing to the purchasing of Tractor and the Boston & Maine railroad hearings held at Concord and Salem, together with the Assessors' meeting at Manchester necessitated considerable time and expense in travelling and attending these meetings. The Chairman of the Board paid out $86.00 for travel, hotel and meals for the Selectmen and Tax Collector.

A result of the several meetings was the refusal of the Public Service Commission to allow the Boston & Maine road to run busses over the Lafayette highway. The Boston & Maine retaliated by curtailing all stops of trains at Hampton Falls sation. The Chairman of the Board, upon hearing of the situation, immediately went to Concord and found the Commission and the Boston & Maine officials in a hearing. Through the courtesy of Ex-Governor Brown, a member of the Commission, an immediate hearing was arranged. The Chairman of the Selectmen was allowed to present the situation as it existed in relation to Hampton Falls. Before the hearing was ended an agreement was made with the railroad officials whereby one train going each way should stop daily at the station, preferably 6:45 A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M., as these were the trains that seemed to meet the requirements of the citizens who work out of town.

The Selectmen and Tractor Committee had several meetings and by unanimous vote decided to recommend to the voters at the special town meeting the purchase of a Best five-ton tractor and Sargent snow plow, at a total cost of $5,000.00.

On October 4th the Selectmen and Tractor Committee appointed Charles W. Greene care-taker and in charge of operation of the tractor and snow plow, Forrest B. Creighton, Charles W. Brown, Carleton Edgerly, Harry Philbrick and Fred Young were appointed assistant op-

erators. At the same meeting the Committee voted that the Chairman of the Selectmen arrange for lumber and materials to rebuild the end of the horse shed into a heated garage and that an article be inserted in the 1927 March Town meeting warrant, "to re-imburse the Town for money expended".

Lawrence W. Wadleigh and Porter Brown were selected to do the carpenter work, Henry Fogg and Walter Ladd to build the chimney and do cement work. (They were assisted by Charles W. Brown in hauling gravel, etc.). Cost of the construction was $523.68; expenses of operation and maintenance, $416.16, making a total cost of $939.84, which should be raised by taxation to reimburse the Treasurer.

Owing to the extraordinary success of the Poultry thieves, a meeting was held October 20th by the Selectmen and poultrymen at which time the Selectmen voted to offer $300.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves. They also appointed eight men as special officers for sixty days to assist the regular officers in patrolling the Town at night. The result of the meetings was a consultation with the Attorney General by the Representative of our Town to the Legislature to draft a bill that would prevent the transportation of Poultry over the roads by automobile between the hours of ten o'clock at night and four o'clock in the morning. This bill has been acted favorably upon by the Committee of Agriculture and will probably become a law.

At the November meeting the Selectmen voted to send $100.00 to the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce to assist in fighting the abandonment of the Eastern Division of the Boston & Maine railroad. The Selectmen felt that this was a necessary expenditure on account of the danger of the Hampton Falls station being closed and the possibility of the ultimate abandonment of the Eastern division of the Boston & Maine road. The several

subscriptions of the towns and cities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, have raised a sum sufficient to allow eminent counsel to look after our interests.

SIDEWALKS

In persuance to the vote of the 1926 March town meeting: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to construct a gravel sidewalk, starting at Akerman's corner on the Lafayette road going North towards Hampton line. The Selectmen employed Albert Elkins to oversee the construction, and he engaged William Ross of Hampton to locate abutters' boundry lines and put in grade stakes. 1145 feet of sidewalk was constructed at a cost of $448 dollars plus, or thirty-nine cents plus, a foot.

It is recommended that the balance of the appropriation be used for filling in any holes that may be caused by frost or settling. The Selectmen recommend that the sidewalk be continued and there is an article in the Town warrant to that effect.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The efficient services performed by the Police Department should be recognized by the citizens of the town and a sufficient sum appropriated to defray expenses.

FIRES

The fire at B. T. Janvrin's home in January was happily held to one room, but had this blaze gotten beyond control, a very large property loss might have occurred which would seriously affect the income of the Town.

On February 8th a most regrettable fire occurred which pratically destroyed the home of Mr. Charles W. Birtwell and wife. The Selectmen have been informed

that had water been available at the time of the arrival of assistance, the main house could have been easily saved. As it was the Hampton Fire Department immediately responded to a telephone call for assistance and by efficient work, although greatly handicapped, succeeded in preventing a total loss of the house and protected the surrounding property.

It was practically demonstrated by Chief Whiting of the Hampton Fire Department that water could be pumped from Dodges' Pond up over the hill to the Birtwell homestead and supply enough water with a sufficient force to do effective work.

The Selectmen appreciate that if we are to escape a much higher tax rate that the Town Meeting will have to practice strict economy, but they also believe that property from which the Town derives its income, should be protected in as efficient a manner as circumstances will permit.

ROADS

Two coats of No. 6 oil was applied to the Exeter road and it worked so successfully that the Division Engineer is recommending in the State and Town appropriation that two coats be applied in 1927. The Permanent Improvement money was divided between the South and the middle districts which allowed the continued graveling of the Great Hill road.

FINANCES

The Selectmen call the voters' attention to the loss of income for the years 1925 and 26. If they will turn to the budget, they will note that the Interest and Dividend tax, licenses, permits and Poll taxes, brought in a very much less revenue than in previous years; this to-
of Portsmouth for the Boston & Maine railroad fight and
gether with the $100.00 given the Chamber of Commerce

the sum spent for Tractor Garage and Expenses caused a large deficit. Had it not been for the increase of about $755.00 received for State Aid Construction, the Town would have had to borrow money to pay its bills. As our account now stands, we have a deficit of $1,717.00 added to the deficit of last year, giving a total deficit of $3,400. and some odd dollars. $950. should be returned to the Treasury, it being the amount of money expended for Tractor Garage and Expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. FARMER
ARTHUR J. SEWALL
JOHN D. FOGG

Selectmen of Hampton Falls

TRUST FUNDS

January 6, 1926, the Mary Pickering Harris fund was created in the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co. The amount of the principle is $200.00. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was $6.04. The income during the year, $6.04. No money was expended, therefore $6.04 remained on hand at the end of the year.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. McDEVITT,
JAMES H. BROWN,
LOUIS B. JANVRIN,
Trustees.

Jan. 3, 1927.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

G. A. JANVRIN, JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

Hampton Falls, Jan. 31, 1927.

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1926				
March	8	Caucus	$ 1.00	
May	22	Merrill Bros., rope and wire	3.57	
Oct.	29	G. A. Janvrin, 1 cd. pine wood	8.00	
Nov.	26	100-watt light bulb	.50	
		Opening 7 times for enter.	6.50	
		Opening 19 times for grange	19.00	
				$38.57

DR.

Feb.	15	Whist party (small hall)	.50	
May	15	Women's club	2.00	
		Missionary meeting	1.00	
Aug.	4	Batchelder re-union	2.00	
Aug.	28	Baptist Society entertainment	3.00	
Oct.	22	Ladies' Circle	2.00	
Nov.	12	Women's club	2.00	
Dec.	27	From Grange	36.00	
				$48.50
				38.57
		Cash on hand		$9.93

Received from George A. Janvrin, Janitor, Nine Dollars and 93-100ths. ($9.93).

WM. H. McDEVITT,
Treasurer.

LIBRARY REPORT

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TREASURER

To Town Appropriation	$150.00	
To balance from last year	.42	
		$150.42
By cash for rebinding	$ 8.95	
cash, 1 cd wood, sawed and housed	10.00	
cash, library book house	76.04	
cash, librarian's services	31.20	
Cash on hand for insurance	24.23	
		$150.42

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

Babcock	Booth and Spirit of Lincoln
Braithwaite	Anthology of Verse, 1926
Franck	East of Siam
Powell	In Barbary
Quick	Mississippi Steamboatin'
Riis	Making of an American

JUVENILE

Chrisman	Shen of the Sea
Hope	Bobbsey Twins
Hope	Bobbsey Twins in the Country
Rhodes	West is West
Terhune	Buff, a Collie

FICTION

Abbott	High Acres
Aldrich, Bess	Mother Mason
Bailey	Blue Window
Bailey	Contrary Mary
Bowen	Mistress Nell Gwynne
Bower	Lonesome Trail
Boyd	Drums
Bromfield	Early Autumn
Cameron	Spotting Chance
Candler	Dinosaur's Egg
Carmen	Pride of the Town
Comfort	Public Square
Curwood	Alaskan
Curwood	Black Hunter
Deeping	Sorrel and Son
Erskine	Private Life of Helen of Troy
Fitz	Madame Claire
Ferber	Show Boat
Fisher	Her Son's Wife

Fisher	Home-makers
Grimshaw	Terrible Island
Hergesheimer	Tampico
Hepburn	Alison Vail
Ingram	Flying Mercury
Johnston	Great Valley
Jordan	Miss Blake's Husband
Lea, Fannie	Dream-maker Man
Lea, Fannie	With This Ring
Locke	Perella
Lutz	New Name
Lutz	Red Signal
McGrath	Sporting Spinster
McGrath	World Outside
Mason	Chevrons
Oimler	His Wife-in-Law
Pedler	Moon out of Reach
Philpotts	George Westover
Prouty	Bobby General Manager
Richards	Old Squire
Richmond	Cherry Square
Rinehart	Red Ashes
Rinehart	When a Man Marries
Ruck	Three of Hearts
Sabatini	Bellarion
Sabatini	Snare
Scroggins	Pround Old Name
Stringer	City of Peril
Tarkington	Guest of Quesnay
Willsie	Heart of Desert
Wilson	Boss of Little Arcady
Anon.	Miss Tiverton Goes Out
Anon.	Return of Alfred

AUDITORS' GENERAL REPORT

We, the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, the School Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Treasurer and Janitor of Town Hall and find them well vouched and correctly cast, with balances on hand as therein stated.

B. T. JANVRIN,
HELEN F. BATCHELDER,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET 1926-1927

ASSETS

Total receipts from all sources	$5,798.60	
Total cash on hand, June 30, 1925	5.31	
Grand Total		$5,803.91

LIABILITIES

Total payments for all purposes	$5,695.34	
Total cash on hand, June 30, 1926	108.57	
Grand Total		$5,803.91

FORREST B. CREIGHTON,
School Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned auditors of the town, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast and a balance of One Hundred Eight Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents in the treasury.

B. T. JANVRIN,
HELEN F. BATCHELDER,
Auditors.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

June 30, 1925 to June 30, 1926

RECEIPTS

Received from Town Treasurer	$5,700.00	
Dog tax	73.60	
Dearborn Academy Fund	25.00	
Balance on hand, June 30, 1925	5.31	
		$5,803.91

PAYMENTS

Administration:		
Chairman of School board	$ 20.00	
Other two members of board	20.00	
Treasurer to June 30, 1926	15.00	
Supt., excess salary	114.06	
Expenses of administration	8.78	
		$177.84
Instruction:		
Teaching at East school	$900.00	
Teaching at North school	700.00	
Teaching at South School	700.00	
Text books	42.47	
Supplies	41.44	
		$2,383.91
Operation and Maintenance of School Plants:		
Janitor service at East school	$19.80	
Janitor service at North school	85.20	
Janitor service at South school	20.00	

Wood and sawing	174.15	
Repairs and painting, cleaning and material	50.22	
		$349.37

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Tuition to Newburyport	$150.00	
Tuition to Exeter	234.00	
Tuition to Robinson Fem. Sem.	410.00	
Tuition to Amesbury	50.00	
Tuition to Hampton	1,703.72	
		$2,547.72
Per capita tax		174.00
Medical inspection		45.00
Nurse hire		7.50
Farewell gift to H. L. Moore		10.00
Total		$5,695.34

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1926 to February 1, 1927

RECEIPTS

July 1 Balance on hand	$ 109.17	
Received from town	3,500.00	
		$3,609.17

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's bond	$ 3.00
Per capita tax	160.00
Superintendent's salary	128.05
Proportion of clerk hire for Supt.	31.03

Expense of administration	3.81	
School supplies	69.35	
Fuel and fitting fuel	175.60	
Text books	70.38	
Tuition	893.99	
Teachers' salaries	960.00	
Janitor services, sup., cleaing houses	102.11	
Officers' supplies and treasurer's book	7.24	
Remodelling and repairing East school	408.94	
Cash in hands of treasurer	595.67	
		$3,609.17
Balance due from Town		$2,845.00
Dog tax, due from Town		138.59

WM. H. McDEVITT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board of Hampton Falls:

I hereby submit to you my second annual report as superintendent of the schools of Hampton Falls.

The same organization as last year has been continued this year. The schools in the North and the Great Hill districts have continued under the excellent instruction of the same teachers as last year. In June Miss True, teacher of the East School, resigned and Miss Agnes Avery was selected for the position. We are much pleased to note that the general satisfaction with which her efforts have been received confirms the wisdom of our choice.

The number of pupils in the East School has been practically the same as last year but the number in the other two schools has decreased until on January 10 there were only eight pupils attending the North school and seven at the Great Hill school. The seven were divided among four grades and the eight among six grades. Of the ten classes or grades in the two schools six had but one pupil each, three had two members each and one had three members. These pupils are practically receiving individual instruction, but in such small classes there can be none of that healthy rivalry which may spur a pupil on to do his best.

Again such small schools are very expensive. The average cost of each pupil in the schools of Hampton Falls for 1925-1926 was $110.07. The average for the 247 districts in the state was $66.59. The cost in North Hampton was $103.51, in Newington $93.68, in Hampton $84.87, in Rye $71.69, in Newcastle $67.09 and in Seabrook $43.66.

Furthermore the pupils at the East School are not receiving the training which they should because no teacher however well fitted by training and experience for her work can give the pupils what they ought to receive of drill, instruction and attention when she has six grades and from 21 to 28 pupils.

What is the solution of this problem? I offer the following. Build upon the East schoolhouse an addition of sufficient size for a classroom to accommodate from ten to fifteen pupils. Place in charge of the East school two teachers, one of whom shall serve as a principal and the other as an assistant. The present room would serve as a study-room for all of the pupils and as a recitation room for the principal, while the assistant would hold her classes in the new recitation. Each teacher would have then only three grades, or the school could be departmentalized, that is, each teacher instructing certain subjects in all six grades. This would give us a plant capable of giving proper instruction to all of the pupils in the East District, even allowing for a considerable increase. It would also enable us to close either one or both of the other schools, as the voters or school committee might see fit, and by transporting them to the East school accomodate them also without undue crowding. I estimate that $2,000 ought to cover the cost. I would, however, recommend that a furnace be installed to heat both rooms. The present method of heating the East schoolroom is not satisfactory.

Efforts have been made to increase the efficiency of the teaching in our schools by numerous classroom visits and consultations with the teachers, by the giving of an intelligence examination, by the issue of monthly bulletins and weekly attendance bulletins and by encouraging

the teachers to read professional periodicals and study professional books.

I thank you as members of the School Board and the people of Hampton Falls in general for the support you have given the teachers and myself in our efforts for the proper training of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. PERKINS,
Superintendent.

February 14, 1927.

BUDGET OF HAMPTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Estimated Revenue needed for Fiscal Year July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

Salaries of district officers	$ 55.00
Excess salary	130.00
Expenses of administration & clerk hire	40.00
Salaries	2,400.00
Supplies	75.00
Books	75.00
Flags	10.00
Janitor Service	150.00
Fuel	250.00
Janitors' Supplies	10.00
Minor Repairs	100.00
Health	30.00
Tuition	2,500.00
New Equipment	25.00
Per capita tax	180.00
Shingling	200.00
	$6,230.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE SWAIN,
MRS. WILLIAM CRAM,
MRS. ARTHUR CHASE.

January 30, 1927.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1925-26

ATTENDANCE

Teacher, School and Grades	Av. mem.	No. tardy	% of attend.	Attend. R. of H.
M. Alice True, East, 1-6	17	63	90	1
Mabelle McDevitt, No., 1-7	16	106	96	1
Edna M. Hardy, South, 1-6	8	1	96	1
Total or average	41	170	93	3

PROMOTIONS, JUNE, 1926

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Promoted	5	2	13	2	9	6	2	39
Not prom.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Av. ages	6.4	7.6	8.6	9.4	10.6	10.6	12.1	

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM, 1926

Teacher, School and Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Agnes Avery, East, 1-6	6	5	1	10	3	7		32
Mabelle McDevitt No., 1-7	3	2	1	4	1		2	13
Edna M. Hardy, South, 1-6	1	1		2		3		7
	10	8	2	16	4	10	2	52

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy during the year 1925-26:

Lincoln Akerman, Ira G. Pevear, Elmer Sewall.

Pupils not absent or tardy during two terms:

John Cram, Georgie Currier, Edward Pevear.

Pupils not absent or tardy during one term:

David Batchelder, Gordon Batchelder, Mabel Lantz, Marguerite O'Brien, Florence Pevear, Emmons Sanborn, Dorothy Thurlow, Martha Thurlow.

SCHOLARSHIP ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils attaining "A" in a majority of their subjects plus "A" in application for the first half of the present school year:

Elinor Brown, Ernest N. Brown, Winthrop M. Brown, Dorothy Janvrin, Elmer Sewall, Dorothy Swain, Beatrice Young.

HAMPTON FALLS PUPILS

Attending the Following High Schools

Hampton—Alice Currier, Stanley Gordon, Allison Janvrin, Philip Janvrin, Gordon Perfect, Robert Scales, Ardelle Thurlow.

Exeter—Joseph Cram, Philip Moulton.

Robinson Seminary—Lois Brown, Margaret Cram, Annie Lee, Bernice O'Brien, Marguerite O'Brien, Pearl Swain.

Amsebury—Charlotte R. Akerman.

Hampton Junior High School—Katherine Cram, Stanley Gibbs, Margaret Godfrey, Gordon Janvrin, Louise Page, Louise Rowe, Caroline Thurlow, Harold Brown Natalie Corthell, Barbara Gibbs, Kenneth Swain, Pauline Thurlow, Marshall Chase, Lucy Cram, William Pevear, Emmons Sanborn.

SCHOOL CENSUS

Whole No. children 5 to 16 years of age		73
Boys	33	
Girls	40	
Whole No. children not registered in school and excused		1

SUMMARY 1925-1926

Total pupils enrolled in public schools	53
Value of builings and sites	$8,000.00
Value of equipment	800.00
Average salary of teachers	766.66
Visits by School Board	9
Visits by Superintendent	61
Visits by Citizens	149
Total number days of school	168½

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date	Name of Child	No. of Children	Sex	Living or Stillborn	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar. 11	Marg. S. Philbrick	2	F	L	Harry R. Philbrick	Rachel Hadley	New London, N. H	Kensington, N. H
Mar. 19	Geo. A. Young	2	M	L	Fred Young	Ida R. Hill	Hampton Falls	Danbury, N. H.
April 29	Follis E. Wall	1	M	L	Ernest F. Wall	Elizabeth Brown	England	Hampton Falls
July 25	——— Trafton		M	S	Walter R. Trafton	Grace D. Flint	Lynn, Mass.	Reading, Mass.
Sept. 22	——— Perkins	2	M	L	Maurice Perkins	Grace Blake	Hampton Falls	Portsmouth, N. H
Sept. 22	——— Perkins	3	F	L	Maurice Perkins	Grace Blake	Hampton Falls	Portsmouth, N. H
Oct. 20	Helen S. Edgerly	1	F	L	Thayer S. Edgerly	Jeannie W. Cash	Hampton Falls	Lynn, Mass.
Dec. 3	Mary J. Merrill	2	F	L	Roger M. Merrill	Gladys L. Nichols	Hampton Falls	Exeter, N. H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Years	Color of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Jan. 9	Chas. R. Peel	20	All White	Salisbury, Mass.	Fred A. Peel Mary H. Jackman	John Chester Hyde Clergyman, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Ethel M. Janvrin	20		Newburyport, Mass.	Joseph E. Janvrin Laura E. Addison	
May 6	John S. Batchelder	21		Hampton Falls	John A. Batchelder Minnie Austin	James H. Brown Justice of the Peace, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Eleanor M. Riley	17		Exeter	James W. Riley Etta Severance	
July 30	Allen Rogers	22		W. Newbury, Mass.	Henry Rogers Mildred Rogers	James H. Brown Justice of the Peace, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Capino Earabino	18		Newburyport, Mass.	Angelo Earabino Maria Guipeppe	
Aug. 23	C. Earle Bestick	22		Braintree, Mass.	C. R. Bestick A. G. Revere	James H. Brown Justice of the Peace, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	E. Muriel Auger	18		Salem, Mass.	A. G. Auger M. E. Goddette	
Oct. 19	Perley L. Fogg	24		Seabrook	Gilman M. Fogg Lucinda Knowles	James H. Brown Justice of the Peace, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Helen E. Zell	15		Amesbury, Mass.	Joseph A. Zeli Catherine H. Heath	
Nov. 28	Frank T. Pettingell	56		Everett, Mass.	Wm. E. Pettingell Augusta K. Kneeland	James H. Brown Justice of the Peace, Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Emma R. Shaner	28		Boston, Mass.	Henry Porter Caroline Chickey	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Years	Months	Days	Male or Fem.	Sin., Mar. or Wid.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 12	Daniel S. Merrrill	Salisbury, Mass.	77	7	2	M	M	Daniel Merrill	Abagail Greenleaf
Jan. 19	Mary Jane Hobbs	No. Hampton	88		16	F	S	Thomas Hobbs	Fannie Hobbs
Mar. 12	Chas. N. Dodge	Hampton Falls	63	10	7	M	M	James D. Dodge	Harriet F. Hadley
Apr. 6	Chas. A. Hardy	Hampton Falls	86	11	14	M	W	Reuben Hardy	Lavina Ramsell
Apr. 9	Sarah B. Godfrey	Hampton Falls	45	3	23	F	M	Samuel Cockburn	Jane E. Kennedy
Apr. 29	Jessie R. Batchelder	Deerfield	69	4	1	F	M	Frank Fogg	Jane Morrill
May 15	Anna E. Craine	Hampton Falls	81	10	23	F	W	Emery Batchelder	Dorothy Dearborn
May 17	Wm. H. Brown	Scotland	70	3	13	M	M	Wm. Brown	Isabella Kennedy
July 25	———Trafton	Newburyport, Mass.				M	S	Walter R. Trafton	Grace D. Flint
June 19	Chas. L. Johnson	Newburyport, Mass.	74	10	18	M	M	Chas. Johnson	Marry A. Perkins
Sept. 24	——— Perkins	Exeter			2	M	S	Maurice Perkins	Grace Blake
Oct. 7	Alice M. Robinson	Exeter	66	9	10	F	M	Jeremiah Smith	Jane Higgins
Oct. 17	Arthur M. Dodge	Hampton Falls	64	2	28	M	M	John W. Dodge	Harriet P. Dunkler
Nov. 4	Albert S. Smith	Exeter	96			M	W	Shepard Smith	A Rundlett
Nov. 24	Robert H. Butler	Liverpool, N. S.	83	6	15	M	M	Michael Butler	Mary Fratson
Dec. 10	Martha C. Lane	Hampton Falls	84	6	9	F	W	Sewell Brown	Eliza Nudd
Dec. 31	Martha B. Clark	Hampton Falls	52	5	24	F	M	Joseph Drysdale	Mary Ann Brown